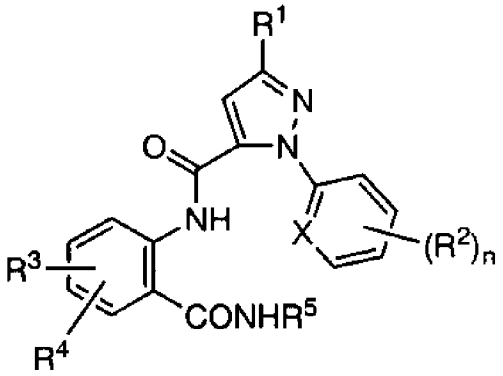
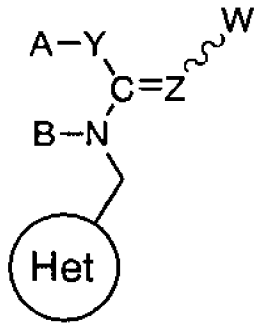
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) An insecticide composition which comprises ~~one or not less than two kinds of compounds being~~ at least one compound selected from ~~a compound~~ compounds represented by the formula [I]:



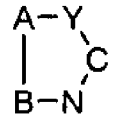
[I]

wherein R^1, R^2, R^3 and R^4 are the same or different, and each represent a hydrogen atom, a C_{1-6} alkyl group, a C_{1-6} haloalkyl group or a halogen atom; R^5 is a hydrogen atom or a C_{1-6} alkyl group; X is CH or N; n is 0 to 3, or a salt thereof, and a neonicotinoid compound represented by the formula [II]:



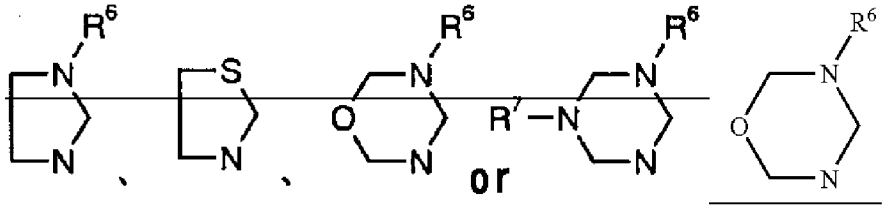
[I I]

wherein Y is CH_2, S or NR^6 (R^6 is a hydrogen atom or a C_{1-6} alkyl group); Z is N or CH; W is a cyano or nitro group; A and B are the same or different, and each represent a hydrogen atom or a C_{1-6} alkyl group, or are taken together with the adjacent Y, C and N to form a ring represented by the formula:



[A]

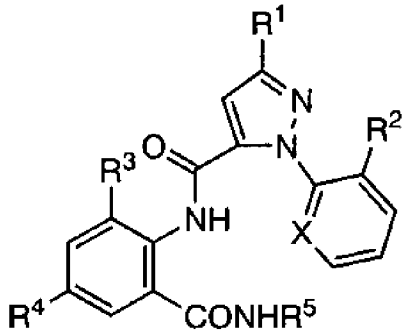
wherein the ring [A] is a group represented by the formula:



(wherein R^6 is as defined above~~hereinbefore; R^7 is a hydrogen atom or a C_{1-6} alkyl group~~), and the formula:

represents a heterocyclic group selected from the group consisting of pyridyl, thiazolyl and tetrahydrofuryl groups, the ~~said~~ heterocyclic ~~ring~~ group being optionally substituted by 1 to 3 ~~of~~ halogen atoms.

2. (Currently amended) ~~An~~ The insecticide composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the compound represented by the formula [I] is a compound represented by the formula [Ia]:



[Ia]

wherein R^1, R^2, R^3, R^4, R^5 and X are as defined in claim 1~~the symbols are as defined hereinbefore~~.

3. (Currently amended) ~~An~~ The insecticide composition as claimed in claim 2, wherein in the compound represented by the ~~general~~ formula [Ia], R^1 is a halogen atom or a C_{1-6} haloalkyl group, R^2 is a halogen atom, R^3 and R^5 each are a C_{1-6} alkyl group, R^4 is a hydrogen or halogen atom, and X is N.

4. (Currently amended) ~~An~~ The insecticide composition as claimed in claim 2, wherein in the compound represented by the ~~general~~ formula [Ia], R^1 is a chlorine or bromine atom, or a trifluoromethyl group, R^2 is a chlorine atom, R^3 is a methyl group, R^5 is an isopropyl group, R^4 is a hydrogen or chlorine atom, and X is N.

5. (Currently amended) ~~An~~ The insecticide composition as claimed in claim 2, wherein the compound represented by the formula [Ia] is selected from the group consisting of 2-[1-(3-chloropyridin-2-yl)-3-trifluoromethylpyrazol-5-ylcarbonylamino]-N-isopropyl-3-methylbenzamide, 5-chloro-2-[1-(3- chloropyridin-2-yl)-3-trifluoro-methyl-pyrazol-5-ylcarbonylamino]-N-isopropyl-3-methylbenzamide, 2-[1-(3-chloropyridin-2-yl)-3-chloropyrazol-5-ylcarbonylamino]-N-isopropyl- 3-methylbenzamide, 5-chloro -2-[1-(3-chloro-pyridin-2-yl)-3-chloropyrazol-5-ylcarbonyl- amino]-N-isopropyl-3-methylbenzamide, 2-[3-bromo-1-(3-chloropyridin-2-yl)-pyrazol-5-yl-carbonylamino]-N-isopropyl-3-methylbenzamide ~~or~~ and 2-[3-bromo-1-(3-chloropyridin-2-yl) -pyrazol-5-ylcarbonylamino]-5-chloro-N-isopropyl-3-methylbenzamide.

6. (Currently amended) ~~An~~ The insecticide composition as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 5, wherein the neonicotinoid compound represented by the formula [II] is clothianidin, nitenpyram, ~~imidacloprid, thiacloprid,~~ thiamethoxam, acetamiprid or dinotefuran.

7. (Currently amended) ~~An~~ The insecticide composition as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 5, wherein the neonicotinoid compound represented by the formula [II] is clothianidin.

8. (Withdrawn) A method for controlling an insect pest, which comprises applying the insecticide composition as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 5 to locations other than the site where the insect pest inflicts injuries directly.

9. (Withdrawn) A method for controlling an insect pest, characterized in that said method comprises mixing two kinds of the compounds, namely a compound represented by the general formula [I] or a salt thereof as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 5 [[7]] and a neonicotinoid compound represented by the general formula [II], followed by drenching onto the soil for raising seedlings in the form of a mixture solution or application on the soil for raising seedlings in the form of a mixture granule, during the period ranging from the sowing time to the seedling-planting time for a crop to be cultivated by the seedling-planting method.

10. (Withdrawn) A method for controlling an insect pest, characterized in that said method comprises growing seedlings with use of the soil for raising seedlings which has contained therein two kinds of the compounds, namely a compound represented by the general formula [I] or a salt thereof as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 5 [[7]] and a neonicotinoid compound represented by the general formula [II], during the period ranging from the sowing time to the seedling-planting time for a crop to be cultivated by the seedling-planting method.

11. (Currently amended) A method for controlling an insect pest, ~~characterized in that said method comprises~~ comprising applying ~~two kinds of the compounds, namely~~ a compound represented by the ~~general~~ formula [I] or a salt thereof as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 5 and a neonicotinoid compound represented by the ~~general~~ formula [II] as claimed in claim 1, to the soil of a farm field through a drenching treatment, a planting-hole treatment, a planting-hole treated soil incorporation, a plant-root treatment or a plant-root treated soil incorporation during the period ranging from the seedling planting time to the vegetation period for a crop to be cultivated by the seedling-planting method.

12. (Withdrawn) A method for controlling an insect pest, characterized in that said method comprises effecting the immersion treatment, dusting treatment or coating treatment of a seed, seed potato or bulb with two kinds of the compounds, namely a compound represented by the general formula [I] or a salt thereof as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 5 [[7]] and a neonicotinoid compound represented by the general formula [II], in the case of a crop to be grown by directly sowing or seeding a seed, seed potato or bulb on the farm field.

13. (Withdrawn) A method for controlling an insect pest, characterized in that said method comprises treating the soil of a farm field with two kinds of the compounds, namely a compound represented by the general formula [I] or a salt thereof as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 5 and a neonicotinoid compound represented by the general formula [II], through drenching treatment, plant-root treatment or plant-root treated soil incorporation during the vegetation period for a crop to be cultivated by directly sowing or seeding a seed, seed potato or bulb on the farm field.